

## **Post Event Report**

### **Russia–Pakistan: Overview of the Modern Stage of Bilateral Relations**

**Event Date:** December 18, 2025

**Venue:** Russian Embassy, Islamabad

**Time:** 12:00-14:00

A high-level academic and policy forum titled “Russia–Pakistan: Overview of the Modern Stage of Bilateral Relations” was held on December 18, 2025, at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Islamabad, bringing together approximately 40 distinguished scholars, academicians, and practitioners from across Pakistan. The forum was jointly organised by the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Consortium for Asia Pacific & Eurasian Studies (CAPES).

The forum commenced with a welcome address by H.E. Ambassador Albert P. Khorev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Pakistan, who underscored the importance of people-to-people contacts, academic dialogue, and scholarly exchange in strengthening bilateral relations. Ambassador Khorev highlighted that such academic forums serve as vital bridges between societies and contribute meaningfully to the upward and positive trajectory of Pakistan–Russia relations, particularly at a time of evolving global and regional dynamics. He also appreciated the successful organization of the Pakistan–Russia Eurasian Forum 2025, held on December 16–17 in Moscow. He commended the efforts of CAPES in fostering academic and policy dialogue between the two countries.

The political and diplomatic dimensions of bilateral relations were presented by Dr. Gul I Ayesha Bhatti, Director, Eurasian Chapter, CAPES, who provided an overview of recent diplomatic engagements, parliamentary diplomacy, and sustained institutional dialogue between Islamabad and Moscow. She emphasised that structured interactions, reciprocal high-level visits, and engagement through multilateral platforms have played a crucial role in building trust and enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries.

The forum featured a series of academic interventions highlighting diverse dimensions of cooperation. Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Khan, Area Study Center, University of Peshawar, stressed the importance of understanding Russian and Pakistani cultural perspectives to promote mutual



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respect and deeper societal understanding. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Mubin, Vice Chancellor, University of

Okara, spoke on the role of academic partnerships and student exchange programs in creating avenues for cross-border collaboration and cultural enrichment.

Economic and sectoral cooperation was also discussed in depth. Dr. Sundus Khizar, Assistant Professor, University of Sargodha, highlighted the economic potential of expanding Pakistan–Russia trade relations and underscored the mutual benefits of deeper economic engagement. Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, focused on the importance of joint initiatives in agriculture and food security, noting that collaboration between Pakistan and Russia can help address shared global agricultural challenges.

In the end Denis A. Nevzorov, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Pakistan, emphasized the growing importance of Pakistan–Russia economic cooperation. He invited Pakistani traders and business leaders to participate in INNOPROM 2026, the premier industrial trade fair scheduled to take place in Russia in July 2026, highlighting it as a strategic platform for fostering industrial partnerships and expanding bilateral trade opportunities.

The session concluded with remarks by H.E. Ambassador Albert P. Khorev, who endorsed Dr. Gul I. Ayesha Bhatti’s perspective on the positive and upward trajectory of Pakistan–Russia relations. He highlighted the significance of continued diplomatic engagement and successful inter-parliamentary visits in strengthening bilateral ties. Ambassador Khorev also acknowledged Pakistan’s neutral stance on the Ukraine conflict, appreciating its balanced approach in global affairs. His concluding remarks reinforced the commitment to fostering constructive collaboration across political, economic, and academic domains.

The event ended with an interactive question-and-answer session, followed by a group photograph and informal networking. Participants unanimously observed that such high-level academic forums play a critical role in fostering informed discourse, strengthening academic diplomacy, and reinforcing the positive momentum in Pakistan–Russia political and diplomatic relations.



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